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LYMPH NODES**

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of this utility patent application entitled *Method and System for Detecting Sentinel Lymph Nodes*, by Eva M. Sevick-Muraca, et al., please amend the application as follows: